

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

September 28, 2025
26th Sunday in
Ordinary Time



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Mass Schedule

Monday 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday-Friday 8:10 a.m.
Wednesday 10:00 a.m. (EGSC)
Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 7:00 a.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Sunday 11:00 a.m. Cedar Bluff, May 18 - Sept. 7, 2025

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Anytime by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline

By 4:30 p.m. Wednesday

Baptism

By appointment. Contact the Pastor

Weekly Readings

September 29 – October 5

Mon: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; John 1:47-51
Tue: Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56
Wed: Nehemiah 2:1-8; Luke 9:57-62
Thu: Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Matthew 18:1-5, 10
Fri: Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16
Sat: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Luke 10:17-24
Sun: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Luke 17:5-10

Parish Personnel

Pastor	Fr. Dana Clark
Parish Secretary	Mrs. Emily Mattheyer
School Principal	Mrs. Patti Park
Pastoral Council President	Mr. Brian Serpan
Liturgy Chairpersons	Ruth Bollig and Alyson Johnson
School Council President	Mrs. Sarah Fischer
Home & School President	Mrs. Megan Honas
Director of Religious Education	Mrs. Judy Schuler

Marriage

Contact the pastor at least six months prior to the anticipated wedding date. No wedding will be scheduled without premarital instruction.

Mass Intentions

Sat	Sept 27	5:30 p.m.	Al Weber+ (anniv)
Sun	Sept 28	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Sept 28	9:00 a.m.	Jarret Johnson+ (anniv)
Mon	Sept 29	5:30 p.m.	Victor Werth+, Josephine Werth+, James Werth+ and Joseph Vahling+
Tues	Sept 30	8:10 a.m.	Claudia Bailey+ (anniv)
Wed	Oct 1	8:10 a.m.	Don R. Younger+ (anniv)
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & their families (liv/dec)
Thurs	Oct 2	8:10 a.m.	Rita Weber+ Family (liv/dec)
Fri	Oct 3	8:10 a.m.	John Rupp+ (anniv), Theresa (Schuster) Rupp+, and Arlene (Heroneme) Rupp+
Sat	Oct 4	5:30 p.m.	Lawrence+ & Norma Lang, Lewis & Betty Augustine+ and Rodger & Shelia Carper+
Sun	Oct 5	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Oct 5	9:00 a.m.	Richard & Charlene Flax+

Ministries for October 4 & 5

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Allen Weber	Megan Honas
Presentation of Gifts	Rick & Nancy Cunningham	Mark & Sarah Eck Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Richard Bollig Duane Dorzweiler	Paula Wasinger Mindy Eck (Need a Volunteer)
Servers	Kinzie Sunley Brecklynn Fischer	Sophie Seibel Emily Broadway Emma Flax
Cantor / Musician	Guitar Choir	Haas Girls
Ushers & Greeters	Gary Luea Roberta Augustine Pat & Diane Kuhn	Brad & Tava Deines Danny & Lacie Haas Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	October 5 (Sun) 7:00 a.m.	April Pfeifer
Communion to Homebound	October 3 (Fri)	Fr. Dana Clark
Ellis Good Samaritan	October 5 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	Geoff Eck Family
Rosary Leaders	October 4 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. October 5 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Allen Weber Craig Seibel
Monthly Money Counters	October	Bob & Marge Mickelson
Coffee & Donut Hosts	October 12 (Sun)	Curtis & Mary Kay Weber

Meetings & Events

Sun	Sept. 28	Priesthood Sunday Bible Study @ 10:30am
Mon	Sept. 29	No School (Teacher In-Service)
Wed	October 1	SMS Walk to School Day YDisciples @ 6:30pm CCD Classes @ 7:00pm
Thurs	October 2	Feast of the Guardian Angels Eucharistic Adoration 9am-5pm RCIA @ 7:00pm
Fri	October 3	Pet Blessing @ 2:30pm
Sun	October 5	Youth Choir Practice @ 2:00pm

Parish Announcements



Come Sing with Us! We are bringing back **St. Mary's Youth Choir** and are inviting students who are in the 3rd grade or older, who love to sing to come and join us on Sunday, October 12 at 9:00am Mass. **There will be a required practice on Sunday, October 5th at 2:00pm in the church. Please RSVP to Nancy C. by calling or texting 785-726-1096 by October 1st so we can accommodate everyone.** We are hoping to offer 2-3 Youth Choir Masses this year, so if this month doesn't work for you, be watching for the next opportunity.

- **YDisciples:** Let's continue on the topic of "Who are you God? And who am I?" Learning to know more about God and knowing our own identity more deeply in the video series "Created & Claimed," this Wednesday! Meal served at 6:30pm with discussion to follow! Bring a Friend!
- **Blessing of the Pets:** On Friday, October 3rd, you are invited to join St. Mary's School students for their annual pet blessing at 2:30pm in the Circle Drive! Bring your pet to be blessed!
- **St. Mar's Parish Auction 2026:** We are seeking volunteers to help with planning, decorating, soliciting businesses and more! Contact Emily in the Parish Office if you would like to help in any way! Without volunteers, this big event will not be successful! Please consider lending a helping hand!

Parish Offering: September 20 & 21

Weekly Budget Fiscal Year 2024-25: \$6,845.00

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$904.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$3,862.00

Total Giving.....\$4,766.00

This weekend's collection is below by \$2,079.00

Notes from the Pastor

Respect for Life. During the month of October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates *Respect Life Month*. Next Sunday (October 5) is designated as *Respect Life Sunday*. This year's theme is "*Life: Our Sign of Hope*." During this month we consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that project life from conception to natural death. During October we will include bulletin inserts focusing on Respect for Life. Also, there will be respect for life pamphlets and material on "What's on the Table" in the back of the church.

For Your Thoughts. We were asked by the Diocese to participate as a pilot parish for an "*In Increased Offertory Program: Shining a Light on Growing Generosity*." It is a program tailored to assist parishes in boosting their weekly collections.

According to the handbook: "Its primary focus is on addressing a parish's annual budgetary needs and highlighting the crucial role of the Faithful's financial support in meeting those needs."

The first step, accordingly to the handbook, is for the pastor (or parish leader) to give a "State of the Parish" presentation at all Masses. This would then be followed by lay witness talks at future Masses.

To cover the material suggested for the presentation, I believe, would take a significant amount of time (my guess is 20 minutes or more). I don't think Mass is the appropriate place or time for such a presentation or for lay witness talks, and it wouldn't reach all registered parishioners at a weekend Mass. I have opted to present the idea of the presentation in the form of a newsletter. I believe it would be a more efficient way of introducing the program and communicating ideas. We can make the newsletter attractive, easy to read and add some fun pages to communicate ideas.

I plan to remind parishioners at Mass to read the newsletter, and highlight important points, but won't give a lengthy presentation.

Our plan is to mail the newsletter, along with letter from me, within the next week or so depending how long it takes me and our secretary to put it together.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

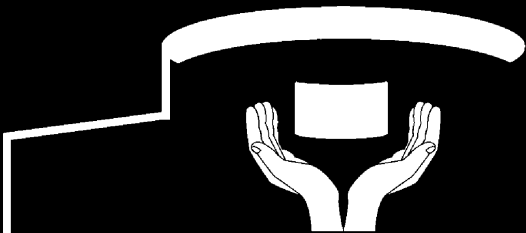
"You must speak to Jesus, not only with your lips, but also with your heart; actually, on certain occasions, you should speak with only your heart."

-Saint Padre Pio

Parish Organizations

• Save the Date for Monthly Meetings:

- ♦ **Knights of Columbus** monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, October 8th at 7:00pm! Members are encouraged to attend.
- ♦ **Daughters of Isabella** will hold their next monthly meeting on Thursday, October 9 beginning at 6:00pm with a soup meal followed by our business meeting at 6:30pm, discussing upcoming office installation and the Mother/Daughter Potluck social. Hope to see you there!



**Happy Priesthood Sunday Day,
Father Dana!**

WAYS TO UPLIFT YOUR PRIEST

**PRAY | FAST |
SACRIFICE | AFFIRM**

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Congratulations! **Jordan Betts & Ali Weber** who were married here on September 20, 2025!

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Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends in the loss of **Rudolph "Rudy" Augustine, Jr.**, who passed away September 19, 2025. May the peace of God surround you during this time of sorrow.

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Juanita Augustine, Kampton James Augustine, Henry Dinkel, Cory Eberle, Joe & Arlene Erbert, Cheryl Noles, Sr. Doris Flax, Gary Flax, Robert Gerhardt, Michelle Goldsberry, Debbie Haas, Edna Hejny, Steve Hejny, Nathan Hively, Marvin King, Doug Kingsley, Tim Kingsley & Family, Gilbert Kinderknecht, Andy Lynn Klaus, Agneta Kuhn, Joey LaBarge, Kevin LaBarge, Shawna LaBarge, Martin & Debbie LaBarge, Annette Lang, Michael Lang, Norma Lang, Troy Mattheyer, Marge Metzler, Riley Moore, Joan Neufeldt, Elizabeth Newton, Kevin "Mo" Pfeifer, Cathy Sherfick, Bernie & Laura Schoenberger, Tanner Sullivan, Kathy Wiesner, and the residents of EGSC.
If any one has names they would like added to the list, they may call the rectory at 726-4522.

School Announcements

Monday, September 29: No School

Tuesday, September 30: SchoolStore Kick-Off!

Wednesday, October 1: Wellness Wednesday Walk to School!

Friday, October 3: Creede Repertory Theatre @ 9:00am
Pet Blessing @ 2:30pm



RESCHEDULED: Wellness Wednesday Walk to School:

On Wednesday, October 1st (*weather permitting*), students may meet at the Railroad Museum (mini train station) between 7:30-7:40am. Teachers and students will then walk to school following Washington Street to 7th Street. Breakfast will be served when we arrive back to school for those who are signed up for it!



Annual Pet Blessing on Friday, October 3 at 2:30pm in the School Circle Drive! Bring your pet for a special blessing celebration of the Feast of St. Francis.



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: Miss Allen's 4th Grade Class visited the Ellis Recycling Center to learn about what can be recycled in Ellis. They will go around to all St. Mary's classes and educate them on recycling and to be good stewards of the earth. ►►►

AND the TOP SELLERS of this year's Fall Fundraiser are...



1st: Mason & Ava M.
2nd: Adalie & Austin H.
3rd: Brenton & Wenston K.
Top Chocolate Sales Winner: Willow S.

THANK YOU to
ALL St. Mary's Students and families
for a successful fundraiser of raising
over \$21,000 selling chocolate bars,
pizza and trash bags!

Community Announcements



Local Pumpkin Patch Celebrating 25 years-Opens This Weekend: The Ellis Cottage Lane Pumpkin Patch opens this weekend, September 27-28 to kick off their 25th Season! Open Hours: Saturdays 11am-6pm and Sundays 1-6pm. Weekdays by appointment only! There is a small admission fee but no other charges unless you choose to make a purchase. Take the family and some friends, grab a pumpkin, and make some fall memories with Cottage Lane Pumpkin Patch! *They do still have beautiful Zinnia's you may pick on location for a small cost!*



Ellis Co. Health Department Flu Shot Clinic will be at Ellis City Hall on September 29th from 2:30-4:00pm. Please bring your Government ID and your insurance card. If you do not have insurance the cost is: \$44-for regular flu shot, \$95-for flu block shot (egg free), \$95-high dose flu shot. There will also be a consent form that you will need to fill out ahead of time! *As a reminder Hays Med will NOT be having their Drive Thru Shot Clinic this year, take advantage of them coming to Ellis!*

- **Ellis Community Wide Clean Up is set for October 6th:** Those who wish to participate must have items out before 8:00am on October 5th (but please do not begin making your pick-up piles before October 3rd). We ask that you please **separate your items by type** (see categories to the right). If you have any questions concerning the Clean Up, call the Ellis Public Works Dept at 785-726-4741 or 1741. ►►►
- **Ellis Food Pantry Open October 6th & Taking Christmas Box Reservations:** The Ellis Food Box Pantry will be open on Monday, October 6th from 3:00-6:00pm! Food Boxes are FREE to those who may benefit from them! They will also be taking reservations for Christmas Food Boxes at this time! Contact Rita Y. or Millie W. to get your name on the list!

Municipal Waste		Metals (White Goods)	
Fabrics	Couches	Washers	Wagons
Lamps	Carpet & Pad	Dryers	Refrigerators (only remove if tagged)
Furniture	Foam Products	Metal Buildings	Lawn Mowers
Upholstery & Plastic Chairs		Metal Doors	(with Gas & Oil removed)
		Piping	Metal Containers
		Lawn Chairs	Bed Frames & Springs
		Swing Sets	Lawn Equipment
		Bicycles	
		Open Barrels	
		Tin	
Trees		Non-Collectable Items*	
NO LONGER THAN: 4' in length & 6" in diameter		Explosives	Batteries
Place in alley—will be removed as soon as possible at a later date		Glass	Tires
		Thinners	Paints/Coatings
		Drain Openers	Strippers
Construction & Demolition		Flammable Materials	
Bricks & Masonry Materials		Asbestos Materials	Buildings
Any Wood Products (including Pallets)		Concrete or Rocks	
Wallcoverings		Hot Tubs or other Large Items	
Drywall		Medical Waste (needles, Syringes, etc.)	
Electric Wiring		* E-Waste can be taken directly to the Ellis County Transfer Station.	
Non-Asbestos Insulation		* Household Hazardous Waste Station is open	
Roofing Materials		Mon.-Fri. 8:00 am to 4:45 pm	
Plumbing Fixtures (Sinks, Tubs, Toilets)		Sat. 9:00 am to 3:45 pm	
Wire Fencing or Wire		785-628-9460	